

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-13, 15, and 37 have been cancelled, whereby claims 3-7, 9, and 14 remain pending and presented for review. Claim 9 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are requested in light of the remarks which follow.


1. Allowed Claims and Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner indicates that each of claims 3-7, 9, and 14 is allowed (see Final Office Action dated June 18, 2008, Disposition of the Claims, Item 5). Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejections asserted in the Final Office Action dated June 18, 2008 or the maintenance of such rejections in the Advisory Action dated September 30, 2008, the merits of the rejections are no longer an issue in the present case. Applicants herein cancel all rejected claims, obviating the corresponding rejections.

2. Conclusion

Only allowed claims 3-7, 9, and 14 remain pending in the case, whereby a Notice of Allowance is properly due. Applicants respectfully request a prompt submission of the Notice of Allowance. No fee is believed due with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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